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DESOLATION.

First Authentic Information Received From the Flooded Regions.

Twenty Barrels of Whiskey Were Caught at One Place and Officers Handle the Situation With Difficulty.

By Associated Press.

Williamson, W. Va., June 26.—There is no longer any doubt but that the list of dead will exceed a hundred. Parties reached here this evening from the upper end of the flooded district bringing the first authentic information received from the scene of the disaster.

The party consisted of Judge E. S. Doolittle, of Huntington; Judge Flournoy, of Charleston, and Elias Hatfield, deputy sheriff of Mingo county.

These gentlemen left Vivian Sunday morning and their journey to this place was a perilous one. Judge Doolittle started to wade one stream, Laurel Creek, and came near being drowned. He was rescued by two colored men. Judge Flournoy and Hatfield gave the same negroes \$25 to carry them across the stream safely.

Judge Doolittle said that words could not describe the scene of devastation between Vivian and Davy. It was a tidal wave from a cloudburst and swept everything before it.

In the track of its course everything is gone. At Vivian the water came roaring down the mountain sides and people who attempted to flee to the hills for safety were washed back and carried away by the raging current of the Elkhorn.

The section was thickly settled, but as the population consists chiefly of miners who were at work at the time, the large majority of dead are women and children, and thrilling stories of rescue are told.

Fifteen people are said to have drowned at Eckman. At Keystone probably thirty persons perished. In one instance parties fled to an island and clamber small trees, only to be swept away.

Judge Doolittle was on Norfolk and Western train No. 4 when the flood tide overtook it. He climbed, as did many others, from windows and was rescued by people near by on coke ovens by means of boards being placed to the windows. No passengers were drowned.

Passenger train No. 11 was also lost at Eckman, being completely covered with box cars, houses, etc. More than 200 cars, many of which were loaded with merchandise, washed away at that point.

Fourteen miles of telegraph wire was away in one stretch just below Vivian.

On Dry Fork the loss of life is exceedingly great. Bodies are scattered all along the stream. Seven saloons were washed away at Keystone and four lives were lost in one of them.

At Brooke the loss of property is also severe, but only three lives were lost there. The region from Ennis to Davy, forty-three miles, is completely in ruins. Hundreds of mine mules can be seen in heaps intermingled with human bodies. It is reported that fifteen bodies are lodged in a drift at Hatfield tunnel, twenty miles east of here.

Near Burke, a man saw his brother sinking in the flood and plunged in to rescue him. Both were drowned.

C. F. Clifford, train dispatcher for the Norfolk & Western, walked from Ennis to Davy, forty-three miles. He says he saw five dead bodies at Eckman, seven at Keystone and fifteen scattered promiscuously along the shores. It is believed the loss of life along the little streams emptying into the Keystone has been great. These streams have not yet been explored.

Twenty barrels of whiskey were caught in Tug river at Welch. Most of the colored miners are laying off there on a protracted spree and street fights are numerous. It is difficult for authorities to handle the situation. Much theft is reported in the devastated district. Even clothing is being torn from dead bodies.

SCENES OF DESOLATION.

By Associated Press.

Iager, W. Va., June 26.—Early this morning your correspondent reached

this point, which is the central part of the northern section of the scene of the flood. Here is where Dry Fork enters into the Tug river and on this stream the greatest destruction prevails and the loss of life here is even greater than at first reported. Your correspondent reached here after riding and walking along Tug river from Williamson, a distance of sixty miles.

Beyond here for thirty miles the railroad track is almost completely washed away, all telegraph wires are down and nothing definite is known regarding the loss of life and property through that region.

It is true that a number of people have walked through from that region but their stories are so vastly different that it is difficult to place an estimate on the number of dead. It is safe to say though that one hundred will not be far amiss.

In the valley visited today there are hundreds of inhabitants starving. There is no way of securing provisions save on mule back. This afternoon in one drove there were twenty pack mules loaded with provisions, which made the start across the mountains from here to Bradshaw, a village fifteen miles away, where it is said that many families have not tasted food since Saturday. Stories of eye witnesses of the awful flood are indeed appalling. The waters came down Dry Fork as a mighty wave, fully twenty feet high.

At the intersection of the Tug river it met another huge volume and the noise, as trees, houses, bridges and debris of all kinds crashed together, could be heard for miles. Here Tug river rose thirty feet in two hours. Big country and railway bridges spanned the river here. Both were swept away as well as twenty or more two-story buildings, one of which was the post office.

When man living here says that when the mighty wave of water swept down Dry Fork, huge pine trees in its path were snapped off. He climbed a tree on a mountain side for safety and was compelled to remain four hours until the waters subsided. On a little island in the distance the saloon of Pink Storms and Walter Ranson was swept away and torn to pieces. Storms was drowned, but Ranson's life was saved.

J. W. Kinless, a lumber man residing near Cincinnati, was at lager when the flood tide came. He ran to the mountain side and saved himself. He saw four men swept away and drowned.

No report has yet reached here from the extreme upper waters of Dry Fork, a settlement thickly inhabited by small farmers. It is feared the loss of life has been great there. At Bradshaw, McCoy's storehouse, a large commissary belonging to the Wm. Ritter Lumber Co. and nine dwellings were swept away. Among those drowned on Dry Fork were Tom C. Beavers, a lumber man from Ohio; Mrs. Frank Samuels and two children, George Grigger, Mrs. Whits, wife of a merchant, and two colored men.

Along Tug river today searching parties pulled bodies from the drifts, decomposed. The stench is almost unbearable.

At Panther an endless number of cabins, occupied by lumber men, ten miles of tramroad and two large commissaries were swept away. Near here last evening was discovered a coffin. This came from a graveyard below Eckman, which was about half cut away by the tide, leaving exposed many skeletons.

Just below Welch a bridge was swept away with six people. How many of these perished is not known. Between here and Matewan the banks of the Tug river are lined with huge lumber gorges. Household furniture is visible in the debris. Wires are all down from here east and west. save one railroad wire, which is kept busy handling construction and relief

trains.

An immense storm passed over this section again last night and for several hours the rain came down in torrents. Rivers are rising again today. The loss of property on the Elkhorn and Tug rivers is now estimated at from five to eight million dollars.

DERRICK AND DRILL.

Movements in the Oil Fields, Both Local and General.

Tlona.....	\$1.20
Pennsylvania.....	1.05
Corning.....	.88
Newcastle.....	.80
North Lima.....	.79
South Lima.....	.74
Indiana.....	.74
Somerset.....	.74

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields up to and including June 24:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.	
Shipments.....	113,268
Previously reported.....	2,042,737
Total.....	2,156,005
Daily average.....	89,933
Runs for the same time.....	105,699
Previously Reported.....	1,866,124
Total.....	1,971,824
Daily average.....	82,159

LIMA OIL.	
Shipments.....	68,064
Previously Reported.....	1,165,926
Total.....	1,233,990
Daily average.....	50,583
Runs for the same time.....	69,902
Previously reported.....	1,140,178
Total.....	1,210,080
Daily average.....	50,420

CAIRO FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Cairo, W. Va., June 26.—A. C. Hawkins & Co. have the rig up for their No. 18 M. McGregor.	
The Southwestern Oil Co.'s No. 1 Joe Ingram is showing for a 25 barrel well in the salt sand.	

WOLF CREEK FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Wolf Creek, O., June 26.—Lambert Curran & Co.'s No. 5 M. J. Morris is good for five barrels.	
The Octo Oil Co.'s No. 4 Chas. Spear is dry.	
Hochstetter & Foreman's No. 23 J. P. Hoon is drilling.	
Cameron & Sons' No. 4 N. E. Russell has made 150 barrels in the last 24 hours.	

PETROLEUM FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Petroleum, W. Va., June 26.—The Lost Run Oil and Gas Co. has completed its No. 1 Mart Tennant through the Injun sand and has shot the Keener and the Injun and it is showing for 10 barrels, mostly from the Keener. This well is in Grant district Ritchie county, and on the eastern edge of the upheaval, about three miles south of Petroleum.	

MARIETTA FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Marietta, O., June 26.—A rig is up and Uhl Bros. are about to start drilling a well on the John Johnson place about half way between their late good strike in Campbell hollow and the river production. They have faith that this will show the connection between the pools.	

MACKSBURG FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Macksburg, O., June 26.—J. A. Dutton started spudding on No. 2 Mrs. Emma A. Smithson.	

ROCK RUN FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Rock Run, W. Va., June 26.—L. E. Mallory & Co. started spudding at No. 3 Jacob Moreyons.	

ST. MARYS FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
St. Marys, W. Va., June 26.—The Octo Oil Co.'s No. 1 Wm. Robinson is drilling at 100 feet.	

LOWELL FIELD.	
Special to the Leader.	
Lowell, O., June 26.—The Willie Oil Co. drilled in its No. 18 Fred Bay and it is dry in the 500 foot sand.	
Bogard & Heniger have a rig up on the Dan Owens.	
Alexander & Landon are rigging up on No. 2 Spies.	
The Willie Oil Co. has a rig up for its No. 19 Fred Bay.	

Dynamite Shell Burst.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, June 26.—Seven workmen were frightfully burned, three fatally. In the foundry department of the American Car and Foundry Co., by the explosion of a dynamite shell placed in the cupola. When the shell was heated it burst, breaking the walls of the cupola and molten metal streamed out in the room in all directions. Of the victims, Thomas Cusack, foreman died on the way to the hospital. Frank Balcar and Michael Smentak were fatally burned and four others seriously.

Fired on Non-Union Men.

By Associated Press.

Thacker, W. Va., June 26.—Several shots were fired by strikers at non-union miners who were attempting to enter the Maritime mines today. No officers are on duty now in the field. A large force of Deputy United States Marshals are expected tomorrow.

RACES

Of Second Day Were Very Interesting.

The second day of the races was better than the first, the backers of the different horses having had time to ascertain the condition of favorites. There were one or two heats laid up evidently, and the judges did their duty nobly in fining and disqualifying and reprimanding drivers. The judges were impartial and gave complete satisfaction to every body, with perhaps the exception of the driver of Baron B. Kirk Goshell, who was fined \$25 for laying up a heat; the driver of Rochelle who was thrown out of the fourth heat on the charge of not driving to win, but who was reinstated in the fifth when another driver failed to bring in the horse as well as the first driver; Thelka's owner and driver was severely reprimanded and the judges did all in their power to protect the public and succeeded fairly well.

The attendance was much smaller, since there were no free tickets issued, but the interest in the racing was greater, as the crowd was composed almost entirely of horsemen or those interested in horses.

The following is a summary of yesterday's races:

The 2:18 trot, purse \$400, which was unfinished Tuesday was finished yesterday making the complete record thus:

Roberta.....	1 1 1
Summit Chief.....	2 2 3
Allie King.....	2 3 4
Improve.....	5 5 2
Thornboy.....	4 4 7
Superior.....	6 6 5
Blanche K.....	8 8 6
Wheaton Boy.....	7 7 8

Time—2:19 2:22½, 2:18½.

2:18 PACE. PURSE, \$400.

Baron C.....	6 6 1 1 1
Red Rock.....	1 1 5 6 7
Speckles.....	8 2 3 2 2
Pilot Boy.....	2 3 7 4 5
Roshelle.....	5 8 2 7 6
Frank Keenan.....	3 5 4 3 3
Hermania G.....	4 4 6 5 4
Gov. Bushnell.....	7 7 8

Time—2:20, 2:19½, 2:17½, 2:18½, 2:19½.

2:22 TROT. PURSE, \$400.

Fizzie F.....	3 1 1 1 1
Thelka.....	1 4 2 3
Lourells.....	2 7 5 5
Raceme.....	4 3 3 4
Clem.....	7 5 6 6
Red Mont.....	6 6 7

Time—2:22½, 2:23½, 2:23½, 2:18½, 2:30 PACE. PURSE, \$400.

Emily O..... 2 9
King Bird..... 3 6
Bessie Conn..... 5 2
Annie R..... 1 1
Billy K..... 8 10
Black Venus..... 4 3
Marvel B..... 10 3
Linnie L..... 7 7
Suffolk..... 9 5
Birnie..... 6 4

Time—2:20½, 2:22½
This race was not finished on account of rain.

The races today will be the 2:24 pace, 2:27 trot and 2:13 pace and should draw a larger crowd than has yet been out.

Hotel Sold.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., June 26.—The French Lick Springs and Hotel property, owned in Louisville, was sold this afternoon. The purchase price was \$380,000.

LIGHTNING

Struck Pavilion and the Picnickers Fled, Panic Stricken.

Another Storm Visited Pittsburg Yesterday Afternoon; It Was Short in Duration but Terrific in Power.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 26.—The storm which struck Pittsburg and vicinity this afternoon was short in duration, but terrific in power and disastrous in effect. The lightning and thunder was practically continuous for thirty minutes. The wind attained a velocity of 30 miles an hour and .46 inches of rain fell. One woman was killed instantly by lightning and several other persons may die from the same cause. Numberless houses and churches were struck by lightning and several picnic parties were panic stricken.

In the city proper no fatalities were reported, but in Homestead Mrs. Alice Lester, aged 24, was instantly killed by lightning.

Miss Grace Jackson, aged 19, of Homestead, was struck and her recovery is doubtful.

Richard Rucker, also of Homestead, was frightfully burned by the electrical fluid and will hardly recover.

Rev. John Saulton and Clay Fands were badly shocked, but will recover.

The waters rushed down the hills around Homestead and literally engulfed the town. The extent of damage done there may reach many thousands of dollars. Besides the numerous houses which were wrecked, four iron bridges of the Monongahela street railway were washed out. Dozens of washouts occurred between Pittsburg

and Hazelwood and street car travel was suspended.

At south Avenue Park a picnic party composed of seven hundred persons, most of whom were children, gathered in the dancing pavilion for shelter. Lightning struck a tree within eight feet of the pavilion and set fire to the structure. The picnickers were panic stricken, women fainted and children screamed. Fortunately the heavy rain extinguished the flames and though a large number of the party were more or less hurt in the panic, none were seriously injured.

A similar panic ensued at St. Joseph's Parochial school on Mount Oliver where commencement exercises were being held. The hall was filled with children and their parents, when lightning struck the building, tearing a portion of the roof away. Pandemonium reigned, but no fatalities resulted.

All through the south and west ends the storm carried destruction with it. Phillips' glass house, at 19th and Mary streets, had its sheet roof picked up bodily and carried across the street. The south side Presbyterian church was struck by lightning and numerous houses suffered the same fate. The east end and Wilkinsburg suffered equally with other sections of the city with the exception of fatalities.

From all surrounding towns reports are coming telling of widespread damage done by the storm.

Hanna's Gift.

By Associated Press.

Gambler, O., June 26.—Senator Hanna and Governor Nash participated prominently in the commencement exercises of Kenyon College here today. The Senator at the alumni luncheon in the afternoon unexpectedly announced that he would give \$50,000 to the institute for the building of a dormitory. A year ago Kenyon College bestowed the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Hanna. This large gift is an acknowledgment of the honor conferred by the College.

Electric Car Wrecked.

By Associated Press.

Norwalk, O., June 26.—The Toledo, Fremont and Norwalk electric car was wrecked near Monroeville tonight. A flange on one of the wheels broke and the car turned over. There was 26 passengers aboard. Among those hurt were Nicholas Thomas, of the Toledo Casino company, wrist broker, Mrs. N. G. Daughass, Mrs. A. C. Bates, J. D. Vickery, C. H. Grant, of Bellevue; A. H. Smith, of Toledo; Theo. Guillo, of Monroeville, all more or less bruised and cut.

Heat's Victims.

By Associated Press.

Evansville, Ind., June 26.—Two farm hands near Newburg died today from heat prostration. Mrs. Anne Charlotte Walker died this morning as the result of heat.

The heaviest rain in years is falling throughout Southern Indiana tonight and the loss to farmers will be considerable.

Large Tank Struck.

By Associated Press.

Montpelier, Ind., June 26.—Lightning struck one of the big oil tanks of the Standard Oil Co. near here last night. The tank exploded, forcing the blazing oil three hundred feet in the air. Loss \$40,000.

Will Meet in St. Louis.

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, June 26.—Delegates to the North American Sangerfest today decided to meet in St. Louis in 1903.

No Lives Lost.

By Associated Press.

St. Johns, June 26.—The wreck of the Lusitania did not result in any loss of life. With the exception of a small boat load of passengers who left the ship, all other passengers and the crew were taken off the wreck by the steamer Glencoe. The boat load landed safely and the steamer with the others is due here tonight. The vessel is a hopeless wreck.

Battle Imminent.

By Associated Press.

Thacker, W. Va., June 26.—Tomorrow another battle is imminent between the strikers and the federal authorities. The union men have been preparing for an emergency and tonight Marshals Hufford and Tell and Superintendent Lambert, of the Maritime mines are expected to arrive here from Charleston. It is said they are ready to put an end to all disturbances in this section.

Morgan's Gift.

By Associated Press.

Cambridge, June 26.—President Eliott, of Harvard, announced that J. Pierpont Morgan had given more than a million dollars for the erection of three buildings for the Harvard Medical school.

Serious Collision.

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., June 26.—In a collision on Hull street between a trolley car and a horse cart, Captain J. W. Sykes was killed and J. C. Searcy and three other firemen seriously injured.

Expelled from Association.

By Associated Press.

Lafayette, Ind., June 26.—The committee of the Western Indiana division of the National Grain Dealers' Association recommended this afternoon that the Samuel Born Grain Co. be expelled from the Association. Charges were made that the company made false reports as to grades of grain. The committee reported that charges were sustained by the evidence presented.